

# Loving Living KU-RING-GAI, Cultural Connections for Sustainability

The Loving Living KU-RING-GAI, Cultural Connections for Sustainability is a new project initiated and funded by Ku-ring-gai Council. This project is designed to engage Cantonese, Mandarin, and Korean communities. This is an exciting new project in partnership with the council. The bilingual educators will be investigating the needs and environmental interests of the communities before developing appropriate activities.

This consultation, as well as the activities, will be conducted in the language of the participants throughout the project. The ECC has for two decades used this way of successfully engaging communities. In that regard, we have published a guide called 'Cultural Connections' for the energy industry and government agencies, which is also useful for other sectors.

In the first stage of the project, the ECCNSW bilingual educators will be conducting six focus groups to learn about the environmental topics and issues that are important to the targeted CALD communities and what they would like to learn more about. Based on the feedback from these focus groups, there will be five activities developed for each community - four workshops and one field trip.

"The ECC is delighted with this project," said Helen Scott the Project Coordinator. "The Loving Living Ku-ring-gai, Cultural Connections for Sustainability project has given the ECC the opportunity to identify and work with the Chinese and Korean communities in the Ku-ring-gai local government area and to develop our relationship with the council staff. We look forward to future partnership projects."